

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

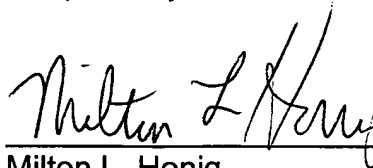
The present amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance the case to issue without delay.

The Examiner considered that the application contains claims directed to several distinct species identified as: (1) Figs. 1, 1b, 1c, 2, 3; (2) Fig. 4; (3) Fig. 5; and (4) Fig. 6 and 6a. Applicant elects without traverse to progress the species identified as Fig. 6 and 6a. The original claims have been canceled and a replacement set provided which are believed to read on the elected species. Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant understands that claims to additional species written in independent form might also be allowable.

The Examiner has noted that the label "Fig. 1" should read -- Fig. 1a --. This change is herewith submitted on an accompanying replacement drawing.

In view of the foregoing election and amendment, applicant requests substantive Examination at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes re-labelling of "Fig. 1" to read -- Fig. 1a --.

This sheet, which includes Fig. **1a-1c**, replaces the original sheet including Fig. **1-1c**. In Figure 1, previously omitted element **a** has been added, which now reads **1a**.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

Fig. 1a. — Element "a" added

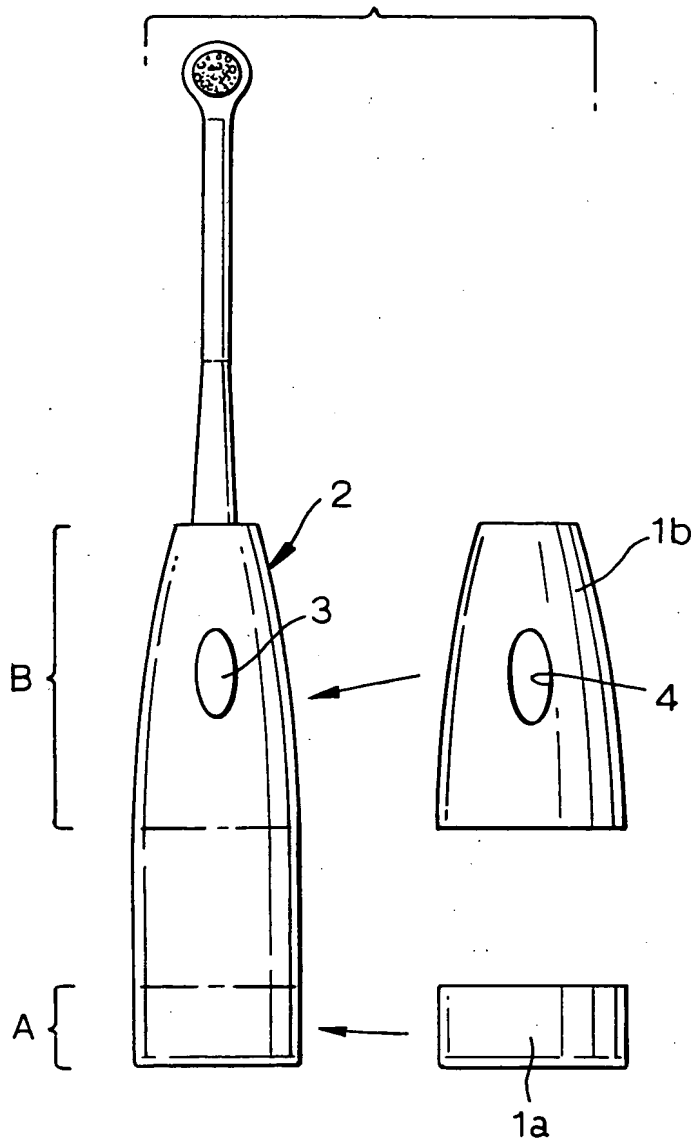


Fig. 1b.

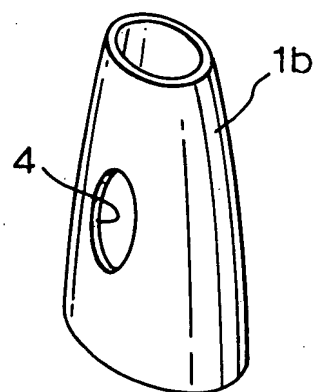


Fig. 1c.

